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for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/512,978
Filing Date	February 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	Robert Kerr et al.
Art Unit	2814 /
Examiner Name	Phat . Cao
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1343

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other PTO-Form 1449 & cited references

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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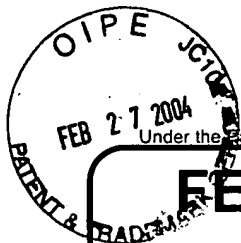
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims  -20\*\* =  X  =   
Independent Claims  -3\*\* =  X  =   
Multiple Dependent  =

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165		Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240		Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320		Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770
1802 900	1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor ..... Robert Kerr et al.  
Assignee ..... Micron Technology, Inc.  
Group Art Unit ..... 2814  
Examiner ..... Phat X. Cao  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MI22-1343  
Title: Methods of Forming Contacts, Methods of Contacting Lines, Methods of Operating  
Integrated Circuitry, and Integrated Circuits

**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 2, 2004 NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE  
TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated January 2, 2004, Applicant  
amends and remarks as follows:

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